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Roome,  
**FOR A MESSE**  
*of Knaues.*

OR,  
A Selection, or a Detecſtion,  
OR,  
A Demonſtration, or a Maniſtation.  
*offoure Slaves.*

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OR,  
A Conuiſtion, or a Comiſtion,  
OR,  
A Combination, or a Copulation  
*offoure Varlets.*

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OR,  
A Reperition, or a Repetition.  
OR,  
A Replication, or a Recapitulation.  
*offoure Harlets.*

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With a Narration, or a Declaration, a Re-  
lation or an Explication, of a ſtrange (but  
*true*) baſtell, fought in the liſſle iſle  
(or Worlde) of Man.  
*Ridentem dicere verum quid vetat.*

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## To the Reader.



Having written this course discourse or rather discovery, I be-  
thought my selfe that it would  
not be amisse, according to the  
lawdable custome of pamphlet-  
ters, to Dedicate the same (how vnpolished  
soever) vnto some good patron or other, for  
shelter: when strait it came to my minde that  
this fashoning of dedicating bookes, and so to  
place the name of some *Grand Signeor*, in the  
forefront of an Epistle, was for all the world,  
like a Vintner: who at the first setting vp of his  
Trade, yea and all his life after, hangs vp the  
glorious spangled Iuey-bush to draw good fel-  
lowes to the tasting of his Outlandish Liquors  
which made me to dislike this fashion of To  
the Right Honorable, or so, & determined To  
leauie it to the Printer without aue badge at all;  
When sodainly it came againe to my re-  
membrance how difficult a matter it was now  
in these duble dealing daies to seeme singuler or  
selfe conceipted in any course, the whold mis-  
liking such fellowes no lesse then your Mono-  
polyters, being men almost of the same kinde  
and condition: and therefore I must needs

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*insanire eam alijs*, and dedicated it must be, But to whom? marry (quoth I to my selfe) to some great man at least, (for its in vse now to haue great *Godfathers*, though we be neuer so meane) &c.

I but (quoth my selfe) it may be he will hould it too base a Subiack for his *Honor* to patronize, and unhappily one or other of his followers neare to him may finde himselfe agreed &c.

Then (quoth I Ile to some Doctor? surely no (quoth my selfe) for he in his great wisdom & great learning, may ouer shoote the marke, or thinking it not fitting his grauely or so: may

*Why then* may it not be, then to some Knight? oh by no meanes (quoth I for he peraduenture would take the matter in dudgion to haue a discouery of Knaues offered vnto him, were it but for the Affinity of the names, & peraduenture (if he were one of those traauailing Ks. that knows more Languages then one) standing vpon the *Etimology* of the word, being deriued from the Dutch \*Knaet would conceiue lay medat the Knight also, (whereunto before God and the Country I plead not guilty) and in a fume (especially if he were at his *Tabac o*) would bid me be packing and take my knaues with me, or else (and then sweares heele) &c. Put case I offer it to some great Lawyer (quoth I) in no case (quoth my selfe) for if he should alter the case by misprision, and with a writ of  
the

\* Knaet in  
Dutch is a  
Knaue.



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the Case, case or cage you vp in the Counter then you were in a wise Case, were you not? How lik'st a Phisition then?(quoth I) mary I pray God I may neuer haue neede of them (quoth my selfe) Now by *Mars* ile to some Mounser Capetaino.

Then by *Vnus* thou art madd (quoth my selfe) for the peace being now concluded in the Lowe Countreies, he in a malcontent humor (mistaking thy meaning) may peanter plaine stabbe thee, or so.

Why then (quoth I) what woodst haue me doe? forsooth gud sir quoth my selfe get you to some rich Cittezen that hath broke off his Trade and so.

Now I seeth'art shallow (quoth I) for thinkest thou that he which breakes with h's company and creditors, and so will not breake with thee?

No, I know a better way then that: Ile alter the case and Gender too, and take a Lady, or some great Gentlewoman that hath a heart as bigg as a Ladyes: Nay that's as worse (quoth my selfe) for ten to one she would rather entertaine one or all thy Knaues, then thy booke of their discouery, and so reward thee with one of their cast liueryes and so.

Now would I were a Saint, if I know to whome then: I am in doubt (quoth my selfe) that some one of these 4. Knaues thou writst of, came

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came behinde thee in thy dreaming sleepe and hath clapt thee on the coxcombe and cract thy brainpan: but now I thinke ont, Ile helpe thee to 4 C. for thy 4 K. to whome thou maist commend them: viz the Court, the Campe, the Cittie, and the Country: You shot well at Routers quoth I, but I know an other C worth all your C. Ile stand too't, such a C. she is, that she may be wife to the greatest Earle in Europe: a C. of all C. a trefnoble, commanding conquering C a couragious kinde C. And where she affecteth not, a full fell furious and fiery foe is shee. God send me from her frowne then quoth my selfe: what *Angell deuyll*? what *Ianus* I pray thee mought she be? nary quoth I the *Episome* of hir great name is *Signiora Madonna Cogitatione Reina del Microsmo*: O quoth my selfe *my aude metris, Aken hur so weele sir, A shus a blithe Lasse a gud-feth Sir if she be plezd, And a o fell feend a she froune: a foule eele au hur wezan shas oft gard me so grit Sir.*

Well (quoth I) if I finde her no worse then I left her I care not: I pray thee Sira where leftst her (quoth my selfe) forsooth I left her where they shall finde her that reads on my Booke, except in her Husbands absence she be gon to visit her Neece *Venus* or stepdame *Luna*: which I know his *Honor* will not be well pleasd with when he coms home, but be it as it may, if she be gon abroad I wil stay til her returne, or leaue it intrust with some friend neere about her.

To

To the Right VVorshipfull, &  
*my especiall good friend, Sir Iohn*  
Lebon, Knight.



*Ir: hauing long requested*  
after a Gentlwoman of good  
note, one Mistris Cogitations, I  
was aduised by an extrauagant  
fellow (that Pretended to know much) to  
goe to the signe of the parret in lither lane,  
for there he saide she had a Chamber: thi-  
ther I went, and found one of that name in-  
deed, to whome I tendred this little re-  
membrance of my good will and seruice:  
She, (whose accouterment, countenance,  
and conditions, was fitly resembled by her  
*Signe,*) had scarce read my Title, but she  
began to tattle, and after a scornfull and  
malcontent manner, threw my booke at  
me, and bade me be packing and take the  
Knaues with me.

Being thus mistaken, (and studying what  
course was best to be taken) I was ouertak-  
en by a good fellow of my acquaintance  
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*The Epistle.*

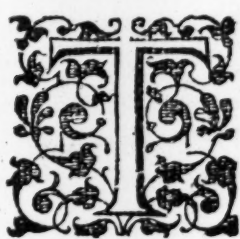
(well knowne to your Worship) hard by  
the Rose and Crowne to whome I impar-  
ted my minde, and how I sped with mi-  
stris Parrat : he laught and said hast thou  
forgot our two ould acquaintance, *good-*  
*will*, and *Il-vill*? why man (quoth he)  
thou shouldst haue asked for mistris good  
*Cogitations* : the keepshouse in *Loue-lane* :  
also she hath a lodging in such a mans  
house, (meaning your worships) by whom  
thou maist haue accesse to her : Thus  
thanking my remembrance for his kind-  
nes, I am bould (Presuming on your wor-  
ships good acceptance) to render this  
finall remembrance of my good will,  
to your good *Cogitations* :  
And rest.



The 4. quarters of the day naturall,  
Gouernd by foure knaues artificiall:

viz.

A Melancholy knaue, & a Chollericke:  
A Sanguine knaue, & a Flegmaticke.



Hese foure are brothers by the fathers side,  
begotten by *Sultan Sathan*,  
on foure Succubuses: the  
first was borne in *Heluetia*:  
the second in *Tartaria*: the  
third in *Slauonia*: and the  
fourth in *Barbaria*.

THE first (which is the knaue of Spades) he  
was borne when Saturne was in coniun-  
ction with the moone: therefore he will  
proue a melancholy mischieuous knaue, of the  
nature of the earth, which he claimes for his  
birth-right (though he haue no right there-  
unto:)

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An ill wnde  
that blowes  
no man to  
profit.

unto:) this knaue is couetous, enuious, mallicious, and trecherous: of haire thinne, blacke, footy. *Balduſtus Rimanus* (a late writer) reports him to be the sonne of a Sexton, preferd to the ends of Court by helpe of the last great sicknesse, and so made a Lawyer: this carries some probabilitie: but I am not of his opinion, for he is called the knaue of Spades, because he is alwaies digging, plotting, vndermyning, and forging (with that clubfooted Cuckolds Iourney-men, *Brontes*, *Stecropes*, and *Pyracmon*) of some damned Engines of villany. Take heede of this knaue for hee's a dogged knaue, and will bite before he barke: he hath vnder him 6. subordinate knaues, *Lying*, *Forſwearing*, *Backbiting*, *Instigating*, and *Detraſting*.

His deuise is, a Waterman, looking one way and rowing another: his Motto is,

*Melin Ore felin Corde.*

Read what is written in the painted cloth,  
Beware the Mouſe, the Magot, & the Moth  
And euer haue an eye vnto the dore:  
Trust not a knaue, a drunkard, nor a whore



At



### *A Messe of Knaues.*

**A** Twelue a clocke enters the knaue of Harts, he was borne when Mars was in Coniunctiō quadrature with the Moone, Iupiter being retrograde. This portends that he will proue a villanous hearty knaue, or a knaue at the heart: he is of cōplexion sanguin, bloody, hot as fire, as may appeare by his red head: you know *Mack bogg foole*, an Irish Historiographer, repors tthat he was St. *Patricks* Lackey, but (although he be accounted like an Irish Lackey, yet I am not of his opinion: for St. *Patricke* himselfe (as more authenticke authors report) went alwaies afoot, I and bare foot to, for the sinnes of his countrymen: he is giuen by Constellation to be prōud, Iealous, lunatick, and sometimes horne-mad: his time is (though he seldome or neuer keepe time, order, or honest courses) to set about 6. a clocke in the afternoone, and giues place to as very a knaue as himselfe: his 6. vicegerents are: *Vaine-glory, High-mindednes, Arrogancy, self-loue, Masterfulnes, New-fanglenes.*

His Deuise, *Atleon* turned into a Hart, and torne in peeces by his Hounds. his Word is,

*Qualis vita, finis ita.*

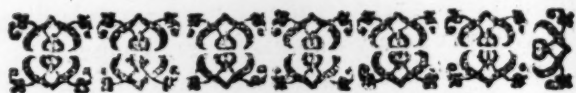
A filken Ciuet saucy knaue,  
That's dight in many cullours braue:

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Who

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Who whoods and mewes his wife for flying  
A horne-plague hold him to his dying.



**T**His third knaue is a Clubbish, black haired,  
broad backt, cole-rake knaue: yet one that  
will carry no coales neither: at this knaues  
natiuity Mars was in coniunction with Venus,  
in the house of Saturne, when Iupiter was re-  
trograde: therefore I finde by my Astronomical  
Inspection, that he will proue a mutinous  
martiall knaue, one that speakes nothing but  
powder and shot: this *Caualeero Snaphance*,  
though he breake vp at midnighnt, yet if you  
moue him (and hee's quickly moued I can tell  
you) then he will be Lord of the Ascendant,  
though he be not in his owne house: therefore  
wheresoeuer you meete him let him passe, for  
he is hot and dry in the third degree, and will  
passe though it be to his own destruction. This  
*Den Colbrand* is well knowne to the Watchmen  
of London: when he hath finished his quarter,  
he retires himselfe most commonly (but sore  
against his will) to the Counter, or Newgate,  
and there he studies *Brookes Cases*: til he be cal-  
led to plead at the Barre, and then to his last  
supper prepared by 12. bones *et Legales homi-*  
*nes*. &c. His six petty Captaines are *Oppression*,  
Cen-

Not *Brooke*  
the great  
Lawyer, but  
*Brooke* the  
Taylor,

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*Contempt, Swearing, Frowardnes, Impatience, Desperation.*

His deuise, a Brewers Horse got loose, saltant  
with a broken halter vpon his head pendant.  
his word,

### *Dissolute & resolute.*

A Mastiffe-dog, will neuer make a Spaniel,  
An Horsemens saddel is no market Pannel  
The Deuil is a knaue and euer will be,  
This knaue like him shal walk alone for me



**T**He last but not the least, is your Diamond Knaue : this is your onely Knaue (or a Knaue alone) that loues to be alone in most of his busineses. This Knaue was borne when *Mercurie* was in a Trine aspect with *Venus* in the house of *Luna* : a flegmaticke false knaue he is that loues to be conuersant in watery places : his variable minde you may knowe by his variable couloured haire of head and beard, more variable in his apparell and countenance, most variable in his lust. This fellow (for he hath many fellowes in these daies) predominats

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dominats from midnight to morning, a night walker he is, and (as he saith) is neare of kin to *Oberon* the king of Fayries, and it should seeme so, for all his exercise is the workes of darkness: he is a knaue in print, and takes his place with the first that euer studies in the *Academy* of the *seauen liberall finnes*, To be short, he is such a cunning baudy knaue, that I can not with all my skill discouer him sufficiently vnto you, and therefore I will leaue him amongst you, to comment further of him: His six vnder-takers are *Intemperance*, *Shamelesnesse*, *Idlenes*, *Dissenbling*, *fawning*, *Lying*.

His deuise, An old Ram-goat, stalking vp and downe in a Barne: his Motto,

*Si non caste, tamen caute.*

Rightly the moone predominats in thee,  
For thou art all as changeable as shee:  
Lets say tis so, this eccho saies tis so.  
And will say after you if you say no.



*Knaues*

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*Knaues and Queanes draw  
all in one line*

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*Vices goe by couples, Newgate fashion.*

1. Little and loud,
2. Long and lazy:
3. Fat and lickrish,
4. Blacke and gasie
5. Sad and suttile,
6. Red and rauing:
7. Pale and peeuish.
8. Old and hauing.

*A prying eye, a lifting eare,  
a light finger, and a prating tongue  
Do consort together,  
as foure parts in a Song.*



There

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**T**Here be also foure Queanes of neere alliance to the aforesaid 4. Knaues, which I thought to serue in, instead of Quayles, (Rayles I might say) to your second course (for they are corse I'le be sworn to you) but I forbear them, for if I should put them together there would be foule rule, and I stand doubtfull how you would taxe me, or so: therefore I will first see how youle digest their comrades.

Their names are.

A Bridewell Queane commonly called a  
*Puncke.*

A Newgate Queane, commonly called a  
*Doxe.*

A Cuckstoole Queane, commonly called a  
*Scowle.*

A Cage Queane commonly called a  
*Bawde.*

- 
1. From a Queane of her tongue,
  2. And a Queane that's lasie:
  3. From a lickorish Queane,
  4. And a Queane that's gasie,

*Parce nos Domine.*

From a filching Queane,

And



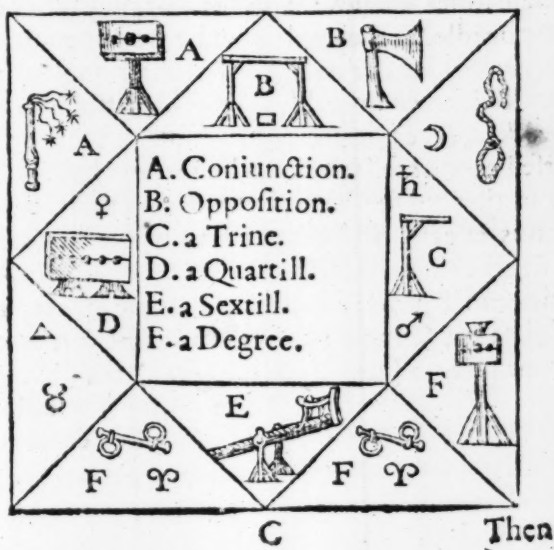
## *A Messe of knaues.*

6. And a Queane of her taile,
7. From a mischieuous Queane,
8. And a Queane of sale.

*Liberanos Domine.*

**Astronomical il ections briefly  
described for admini ration of  
Phisicke and Phlebotomy.**

**A**S in all other parts of Phisicke, so in Phlebotomy, you are circumspectly to consider, and certainly to knowe the cause, as when the Impatient is infected with some naughty, superfluous, and vnnaturall humors, Internally and Externally: and so the ministration of Phisicke is to be vsed: accordingly.



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The mischieuous melancholick, you must  
let blood or purge in Aries and Taurus.

The cruell chollericke in Taurus and Leo,  
but if the diseases be not too violent in Pisces.

The filthy flegmaticke in Gemini and Libra.

The insulting sanguin, in Capricornus, A-  
quarius and Pisces.

**N**OW as these foure knaues (by vsurpati-  
on) haue got the gouernment of the day:  
so by my Extronicall calculation, I  
finde also the whole yeare by a Colaterall re-  
signation to fall vnto them. For the Prince of  
darkenes, *Sultan Lucifer*, hauing got the Cards  
into his owne hands (like a cunning Iugler) and  
discarded the foure Kings, viz: *Truth, Mercy, Ju-  
stice* and *Temperance*, hath foisted in their stead,  
these foure knaues: who for that they will ne-  
uer be idle (as they wil neuer be well occupied)  
haue deuided the twelue Months amongst the:  
and so interchangeably subdeuided them into  
weeques, dayes, houres, and minutes, that for my  
life I cannot tell where to haue them by my fi-  
guratiue conspection, but onely by their villa-  
nous effects. Somtimes I finde some of them  
together in a trine aspect, the signe being in A-  
ries and Taurus: some in a Quartile aspect, in  
Libra and Cancer: then all in a most ominous  
coniunction (*Inter aquam & ignem*) the Moone  
being

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being entred the Dragons taile, certaine degrees in Virgo, Libra, and Scorpio, they conclude in an oposition (with such a terrible combustion) as though an other deluge with domesday would reduce the world to her olde Chaos

Then hurling by my Ephemerides, in all haste I betooke me to my Prospective-glasse, wherein I foresaw, that (*Jupiter* being euen then Lord of the Ascendant, & *Saturne* retrograde) they are brought *Coram nobis, in Capricornus & Aquaries*, (with cap & knee) with *Humilianus*, & so conclude by the heeles in *Pisces*, till the celestiall *Dominator Sol* appearing in his glory, brings to light their deedes of darknes: and so (with a writ of *Corpuscum causa*) sends some to needy Newgate; some to biting Bridewell, some to the costly Counter, and some to the colde Cage.

But (alack the while) here they stay not long, for one claymes kindred of this great personage: another that he and his predecessors doe and haue serued long that great man.

The third sweares he hath spent his blood in his maiesties seruice, and (if he can neither will nor choose) will spend it againe.

And the fourth being of a more Aprill disposition, protests like a Pewterane, it's not the first, nor shall be the last, if they wil pardon this fault. Then altogether with a thousand sorts of

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lyings, and cryings, for swearings & teirings, wringings and flingings, vowing neuer to doe so againe, that is (like equiuocating Knaues as they are) *subintelligitur* (with a mentall reseruatiō) so heedlesly.

*Plus valet fa-  
mor in iudice:  
quam lex in Co-  
dici.*

By these and such meanes, with the helpe of their honors letters, v. z. a *nonobstant*, the knaues creepe out at the back-dore, and finding themselves in *statu quo prius*, they fall to their olde trade againe; but with more caution: for they will so shuffle themselves amongst other honest Cards, that you shall very hardly perceiue them, but on the white side: so that you shall neuer knowe them till it be vpon the winning of the set, and then will they shew themselves in their kinde, knaues at a dead lift.

**N**OW hauing discovered these 4. knaues in part, I wil produce (like iugling *Feats*, the diuels Iournyman) the whole packe before you, that is to say, 52 Cards: that at the first sight you would thinke them to be good, honest, plaine Cards, without any Legerdemaine; yet tis but *deceptio visus* for all that; but I will fetch them off with a hey passe and repasse, and then you shall see they are all knaues indeed, and all their knauery too, as far as by my Astronomicall speculation and skill, I can display them vnto you.

But first, before you can well vnderstand this mystery of iniquity, you must obserue 4. points most

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most exactly: viz.

1. The Spades be all long, to cut long waies.
2. The Clubs fall short, to cut broad waies.
3. The Hearts are equall, to cutt both wayes.
4. And the *Diamonds* haue a principall marke on the left corner, the better to be knowne, yet so as that you shall not easily perceiue them, but by obseruation and dexterity in cutting them.

Well (if all may be well) being thus suted, they are Cards for the deuills owne playe on holidayes, and for his dam all the weeke after.

## *You shall finde them sometimes*

In the Court, like Controlers:  
In the Campe, like Commaunders:  
In the Cittie, like Cormorants.  
In the Country, like Constables.  
In the Terme time, like Pettifoggers:  
In the Vacation, like Promoters.  
In the Visitation, like Sumners.  
In time of peace, like Iustices of Peace.  
In Warre, like Captaines or Mustermasters  
In sicknes, like Phisitions or Surgeons.  
In health, like orethwart Neighboures.  
In prosperity, as false freinds.

In

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In Aduersitie, as Fell Foes.  
In profession, are Pharesies.  
In life, Saducies.  
In the light Angells.  
In the Night diuells.

On Sundayes pray with the people, and all the weeke after pray on them.

Yea these two are such Nigromancers, that they can with a trice Metamorfoze themselues into a thousand shapes, and like *Ignes Fatui*, with their false light, lead you in the night, out of the way, and in the day (like Cheating companions) deceiue you in the way.

To conclude, their conditions like the ir coat of many cullours, fitting (like a cheuerel gloue) euery mans fingers.

These 4 principall knaues (as you haue heard before) haue vnder each of their *Iudas dictions*, 6. subordinat knaues, and those 24. haue each of them one deputy, which makes the whole packe 52. with their Cheistaines: *cum multis alijs Rascalibus, q; nunc perscribere longum est.*

The names of the other 24. are *Inprimis*, Ambition, Presumption, Stubbornes, Churlishnes, Bitternes, Maliciousnes, Commotion, Traiterie, Striving, Fighting, Oppression, Vexing, Cursing, swearing, scoffing, Pratling, Vnseemely-iesting, Theeuery, Baudry, Beggery, Atheisme, Hipocrisie, Curiosity, Vnadvisednes,



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*uisednes, selfelone.*

A Legion of these Packets hath *Don Lucifer* sealed vp with his priuy seale, and deliuered them to his three Groom porters, *Mimos*, *Eccur*, <sup>Three great</sup> and *Rhadamant b*, to be foysted in with other <sup>ludges.</sup> plaine Cards, with twenty thousand bales of false dice; as high-men and low-men, viz. Gypsies and Inglers, baudy Constables, and thee- <sup>Tex populy.</sup> with boyes, &c.

Therefore take heede, you that be gamesters at these Comi-tragicall sports, least you be cheated of your goods and goodnes; and with the Prodigall be sent to keepe Swine, neuer to returne home (the premises considered) but by weeping crosse, or Beggers bush.

Now hauing euacuated my head of these grosse infectious humors, wherof it may seeme to haue bin fully charged: and falling into a browne studie what might become of these *Locusts*, that like the Grashoppers of *Egipt* did couer the whole earth: Commaunding *Morpheus* (like a theefe in the night) came stealing behind me before I was aware, and clapt his soft hand vpon my eyes, and I dreamt: And me thought I was (like *Abacuck* in the painted cloath) carried (not downe to a denn) but (vp to a high hill) inuironed with a deepe riuer: <sup>Microcosmos</sup> & beyond the riuer a great champion feeld, in the midst whereof there was a faire Castle in the forme of an Heart.

This

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This Castle was beleagard by two huge Armies: the one on the South-East side, and the other on the North-west.

*Cooperations.* Forthwith I heard two Trumpets summoning a parley: where unto an answer being replied, I did behold (or thought I did behold) a goodly yong *Damsell* vpon the toppe of the Castle, couered with a white vaile, that I could not see her face: who demanding the cause of their summons, a dubble reply was made by two Heralds, with my Lord, and my Lord: but the North-west Herald (whose boystrous bouldnes like blubd-checkt *Boreas* bewrayed his meger manners) cryed in the *Slauonian* tongue, my Lord *Vycioso*, base sonne and heire aparant to *Sultan Pluto* (sole Emperor of the North, from *Babylon* to *Egypt* and so to the further part of *Mare Rubrum* to *Mare Mortuum*, euen from the Sunne set to the Sunne rising) doth require entrance and friendly entertainment for him and his followers: VVho sweares and vowes vnto you (by his *Horror* and vpon the word of a Souldier) all loue and seruice: And to that end (if you please) will send his commissioners with authority, to treat with you of a perpetual league, as also of a mariage: and to conclude on Articles and conditions therunto belonging, &c.

*Domine fac totum.*

All which she hauing heard at large, (not answering one word) turned her about to the right

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right side, to heare what th'other would say: who to the same purpose (though after an other manner) protested his Lords intire loue and affection: And further putting hir in remembrance of a former alliance and neighbourly cōmerce held and continued between his Lord *Virtuoso*, and her deceased Father, who vpon his death-bed mocioned a contract of mariage betweene them; which if she would stand vnto, then a large dowry should be ratified vnder his hand and scale to her, and the heires of their two bodies for euer. &c.

His Embassie ended, she breefly thus replied: Sir you that spake last I answer, first thus:

I finde not my self inioyned by my deceased fathers Will, to any such contract vpon a penalty, therefore I hould my selfe free to mine owne will.

But sithens both your Lords professe loue (as you say) vnto me, and each offereth very largely, I thanke them both, And that I might know which loueth me best, I will that he that can approue himselfe most Puissant by the others Conquest shall be Lord of me and mine.

This answer returned (as fast as *Imagination* could carry them) away they went to their Lords: who vnderstanding her resolution, though they were both doubtfull of their successe (for the victory lay partly in her affecting) yeat resolued notwithstanding on both sides to trye the euent.

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Then Lord *Virtuoso* speedily despacht three Commissioners, *Reason*, *Descretion* and good *Remembrance* to solicit her the second time: And so did *Pharo Neco Vitoso* : viz. *Temptation*, *Folly* and *Sensuallity* to vse their best deuoir to draw her to their parts.

But *Madam Cogitations* stoodfully resolved to behold the fight first, and then as she saw occasion so she would conclude.

Being out of al hope on either side to obtaine her fauourable aspect, (which would be very further som to the party affected) they prepare to the Battaile: but the night before *Don Vitoso* like a craftie knaue knauorum sent his sworne seruant *Senior Sensuallity* secretly (like a spie) to sow his slippery seede all ouer the Field, that Lord *Virtuoso* his souldiers should not be able to stand, their ground should be so slippery.

Now this right worthy Lord *Virtuoso* very early the next morning preparing to Battaile: Thus marched forward with his whole army: him selfe sitting in an Iuory Chariot richly garnished with Gould, Pearles, & precious stones: there attending on the Chariot foure worthy Knights: viz. *Righteousnesse*, *Prudence*, *Strength* & *Temperance*: Next to the Chariot Road seuen Captaines.

The first was *Humility* riding on a Lambe: on his helme a Faulcon gentill stood.

Next him followed *Charity* riding on a Tiger,  
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who carried a Pellican on his helme.

The third was *Patience* on a Camell, he had on his Crest a *Phenix*.

The fourth was *Liberality* on a Dromedary, and on his Crest an *Ospray*.

The fift was *Abstinence* riding on a Hart, on his hearme a *Popinay*.

The six was *Chastity*, who bestred an Vnicorn, on his crest a Turtledoue was placed.

Good exercise was the seuenth who was mounted on a *Panther*: and a Crane he had on his Crest.

Many pettie Captaines there were besides, as *Pitty*, *Meeknes*, *Goodnes*, *Concord*, *Vnitye*, *Patience*, *Honestie*, true *Friendship*, *Simplicity*, *Stedfastnes*, *Quietnes*, *Peaceablnes*, *Helpfullnes*, *Discreetnes*, *Serueicablenes*, *Meferablenes*, *Orderlines*, *Iustnes*, *Contentednes*, *Sufferance*, *Foresightfulnes*, *Cõtemplation*, *Reuerence*, *Curtesie*, *Indifferencie*, *Lowlynes*, *Affection*, &c,

All these were dubd Knights of the holy crosse by their Generall *Don Virtuoso*:

*Don Vicioso* also dub'd other 24 Knights, of the Post-haste to animate them two to the conquest of the gilt spurres.

*Inanis Honor*

*Cunning*, also brought to the ayd of *Don virtuoso* certain companies whose Captains were *Nigromancie*, *Geomancie*, *Magick*, *Adriomancie*, *Phisognomy*, *Palmestry*, *Ornomancie* & *Piromancy*: but *Tresnoble Virtue* scarce thanking him for his

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offer) tould him that he neuer vsed (nor would) any such companions in the warres.

Whereupon *Cunning*, with his consorts being thus casherd, went to *Don Vicioso*, who (with all respect) gladly receiuing him and his comrades, and placed them in his rearward.

To be breefe, in hearing on both sides rainged their maine Battalyons : *Vicioso* *Abbadono* most couragiously gaue the first onlet, discharging his great Ordinance (which was baststerd Cannons in all his Army) which the Lord *Grace* (who commanded the Vangaurd of the Prince *Virtuosos* Army) auoided, by help of a rising hill on the Southeast side, and intrrenched on the North east side, well manned and maintained by right puissant *Patience* and heavenly *Humilytie*: so that all the shot past ouer their heades without any detriment.

Then they drew nere their enemy scirmiging with thsir small shot, which the Lord *Virtuoso* his party manly bore off, with their Targets of prooffe not yeelding one foot: Ioyning Battails, they fell to it pell mell, with such fury, that many were slaine, many wounded, and many taken Prisoners on both sides: But the wicked weed that *Sensuallity* had sowed, made the ground so slippery, that Lord *Virtuoso* his company could not stand: which *Insidellery* (standing on the left side of Madam *Cogitations*) perceiving, inticed her to leane to *Vicioso* *Apollyone* his



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his party : But true *Faith* on the right side counsell'd her to the contrary : but al in vaine, for she not onely fauoured *Mounser Gogmagogo Vicioso*, but tooke part with him also.

All which, Lord *Virtuoso* perceiuing, in great discontent left the Feild for that time: and *Signior Gracioso* commaunded a retreat to be sounded: that hearing *Doggodomado Viciosissimo*, his Army made a great shoute, and cryed follow, follow, for we shall all be Conquerers. But the Lord *Grace* having recouered the intrenched Hill, with *Faith* and *Hope*, maintained the fight till Sunne-set.

Early in the morning by the breake of day, worthy Signior *Gracioso* (with a heauenly Oration) perswaded his followers to a second encounter: which *Faith & Hope* no sooner heard, but with a fresh courage they led forth their Vanguard, aduancing their Banners in the name of Iesus, and made a second and a suddaine assault (the enemy being in their Tents) At the charge whereof, came thrice puissant *Perseuerance* to their aide, with a mighty Hoast from the Lord *Virtuoso*: which Signior *Gracioso*, with *Faith & Hope* perceiuing, redoubled their courage, and cryed *Vertue* and *Victory*.

The Enemy this hearing, in all poast haste trussed vp their trinkets, and in a disorderly order, aswell as they could (vpon such curtoll warning) defended theselues: but most worthy

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*Perseuerance* perceiving that, tooke the aduantage, and so wel behaved himselfe that day, that he made his foes to flie before his face: commaunding *Constancy* with his couragious company, following close after, that it reioyst my heart to see it.

*Plebrum anti-*  
*nima.*

*Acusation*  
*compelling her*

*Magna cum*  
*animis marore.*

*Remorse.*

Now Madam *Cogitations* seeing this, (vsherd by her olde seruant *Goodwill*) secretly stole to hir Castle: and meeting Lady *Conscience* at the Gate (in great sorrow) craued hir counsel how she might recouer Lord *Virtuoso* his fauour. Marry (quoth *Conscience*) you must goe to *Humillity* and *Repentance*: So disguising himself, that she might passe the better vnknowne, she met with *Contrition*, who, with *Repentance*, brought her the next way to *Humilities* Tent, which was plac't at the foot of the Hil fast by the intrenchment: whome *Humillity* seeing a farre off, made haste to meete, and very louingly imbraced and kissed them: *Cogitations* discovering all her intent, intreated her best aid in her sute to Lord *Virtuoso*, which he most willingly condescended vnto, and went with her to the Generals Pauilion, and there with *Repentance* and *Contrition*, (falling downe flat before his Excellency) confessed her amisse, and most earnestly and heartely craued pardon, which he most louingly graunting, lifted her vp, set her on her feet before him, and most friendly communed with her.

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In the meane while *Persuerance* with *Constancy* so behaued themselves, that *Don Vitisso* with al his whole rout, was vndone, and cleane ouerthrowne horse and foote: when (as the Diuell wood) in rusheth a mad rogue, one *Canalero Desperatio* with a Chariot (for his Lord was so sore wounded that he could not ride) and speedily conuayed him by a secret way out of the feild.

In this ouerthrow was taken Prisoners, seauen Captaines of note or notorious Captaines, viz. *Enny, Wrath, Conetousnes, Pride, Gluttony, Letchery, sloth*: with a number of the Rascaldry: among the rest were my foure compictious knaues you wot of: who in hope they would change their coppies, and in time mend their manners, were banished the Island: *Spadado Mellancollico*, with *Caine* to the land of \* *Nodd* bordering on sad *Acheron*: there to picke a Sallet of *Rac, Wormewood, Sorrell*, and *Colloquintida: Sanguinato cordato*, to Mount *Esna*, bordering on burning *Flegiton*: there to offer flesh and fuell, to that neuer-ending fire.

\* signifies  
barking.

*Fustifurato Colerato* to the *Torrida Zona*, deuided from the Mount by infectious *Srix*: there to carbonado his Collops with the Canibals.

And that *Flegmatico Diademono*, to the land of waste, neere mourning *Cocitus*, neuer to returne but vpon perpetual paine of the Poxe. the Ghonorrhæ: with the grand consumption of the lungs

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lungs and marrow: And all this to stand firme & irreuocable, according to the law of the *Medes* and *Percians*. Some were ransomed for others that were taken prisoners by the Enemy: others committed to perpetuall imprisonment: and some (like *Hammon*) were hanged for examples to others.

There were also ordained seauen special Officers for the good gouernment of this noble Isle of Man, for preuention of future inuasions: viz.

*Microcosmus.*

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1. Prudence, Lord Channcelor.
  2. Temperance Lord Treasurer.
  3. Iustice, Earle Marshall.
  4. Perseuerance, Leiftenant Generall.
  5. Grace Lord Warden of the cinque ports.
  6. Reason cheefe Secretary.
  7. Memory, M. of Requests and Recorder.
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As they were in consultation about the future good of this litle cōmon weale, & election of inferior Officers, I heard one knocke hard and hastily at the Councell-chamberdore. And with that I wak't.

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Now concerning *Signiorissimo Virtuoso* his parly with *Madonna Cogitatio*: the articles of agreement, the marriage, her relapse, and second reconciliation, with the secret and subtile return of your foure irreligious Sadduces, to foure hypocriticall Pharesies, will require an other discourse, and you shall heare more when our old Post-maister *Morphews* returnes, and that I see your strong stomachs do well digest these my homely, but I hope wholesome cates: crauing pardon for what is amisse: and if I may vnderstand what is my error in this, I will mend it in the next: for the plain truth is, I am but one of Dame *Reasons* sculs, as may appeare by my cookery and cloathing. But yet I haue seene good worke in my daies I cantelyou.

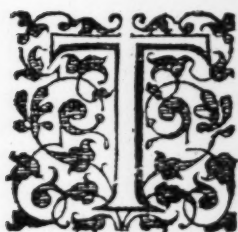
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To the high & mighty Moun-  
tier *Morpheus*, brother to *Oberon*  
King of Fayries: Cofin ierman  
to Mercury, Squire of the body to Ma-  
dam Cogitations: Leiftenant Gene-  
rall of the cinque ports: & *Domine Fac-  
tum* of all nocturnall negotiations in  
the Ifle of Man.

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*Hy devoted suppliant*  
& Micro-cosmographer  
T. Goodwill: who doth  
not onely, but also ad-  
mire thy mightinesse: a-  
dore thy virtue, and im-  
plore thine Excel<sup>l</sup>ence (O thou Metamor-  
phofer of mindes: thou that art a releaser of  
Captiues, and a Captiuer of the released: a  
com-



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comforter of the comfortles, & a tormenter  
of tormenters: a Messenger to the good of  
gladnes, to the bad of sadnes: a iust Iudge  
twixt high and low, the poore mans wealth  
and the rich mans woe: a Prophet of the  
night, to the bad a false, to the good a right:  
the balme of greefe and the bane of spite)  
**Thine** Excellence I implore, that thou wilt  
vouchsafe thy poore Goodwill a deepe ca-  
rowse of thy Nectar, which may intuse a  
dreaming reuelation into my *Piamater*,  
that so I may by way of prophesie foreshew  
what will follow of these aforesaid foure  
knaues, exiled for the testimony of a bad  
conscience: I cannot thinke that they  
are dead, for they are ingendred of im-  
mortal seed but (they are Metamorphosed  
into some other shapes, the better to de-  
ceiue) and my spirits are kindled with a dri-  
uine fire, & thou must not deny me as thou  
tendrest the fauour of my good Lady  
Cogitations, in whose name I charge thee,  
nay more, I coniure thee (marke what I say)  
with Bell, Booke and Candle, that thou  
satiffie this my request, least in my turye I

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turne Renegado, & write a most lewd Ballad against thee, and that to some filthy tune, to thy no small dishonor: but if thine Excellence vouchsafe to answer mine expectation, I vowe (by the life of Pharo) to offer vpon thine Alter; (viz, a Feather-bed and a Downe-pillowe) a Heccatomb of verses to be hung vp in thy Temple (viz. A sweete Chamber without fleas, in memorie all of thy perpetuall prayses: and when I awake, I'll wash my braines in Madera, and sing Madrigals in praise of thy person and power.

**Hauing**

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**H**Auing fraught this my little Fleebot,  
with such marchandise as I could meete  
with in the Isle, I found a prosperous  
wind in the East-south-East, which made meset  
sail, directing my course to the cape *Bona Speran*  
*za*, which after a few daies I had (a far off, disco-  
uered, but before I could recover the point, I  
was chekt with a northerly winde, which per-  
force draue me vpon the coast of the *Canaries*, Ile of Dogs.  
where comming to an anchor, I was boarded  
by a couple of copestmates (called *Zoilus* and  
*Momus*) that haue Authority there to search  
strangers: who dealt strangely with me indeed:  
but it was my pride to be pryed into by them,  
being forewarnd by many worthy men (whose  
card and compas I am not worthy to carty af-  
ter them) of their paltry dealing.

A second sort that assaulted me, was a cock-  
boat laden with Coxcombes, that being not  
able to apprehend, would reprehend: whome  
after I had (with a volly of small shot, well pel-  
ted, I pardoned: for alas they did they knew  
not what.

The third sort were a rapsedy of Raskals, that  
would frowne or fauor as they sawe others  
affected: these detracting knaues would come  
off with their buts, ifs and ands, but and if I  
liue (I will threaten nobody) but I know what  
I will doe.

The last were a company of the last edition,  
that

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Assyrians.

that tooke occasion to poue a confiscation of my Ship and goods, producing against me such a chapter, such a verse, against my commodities of prophane iesting: &c. These *Martinists* like *Salomons* fooles, Pro: 26. c, & Esay. 5. they would faine be singuler, and single they are, and so I left them.

For  
Contempt and scorne are wits infirmitie.  
Wherewith disdain and scoffes keeps company.

*Non mare transisset, pauidus si nauta fuisset.*

*FFNIS.*

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